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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's amendment filed on March 29, 2005, has been fully considered, however, his arguments are moot in view of new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rabindran et al. (U. S. Patent No. 4,185,900) and further in view of Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,658,299).

Regarding claim 1, Rabindran et al. discloses a template for a scanning system, the template comprising: a template body, and an actuation device disposed on the template body for actuating a switch (figs. 7 & 8, col. 5, line 61 through col. 6 line 36). Applicant argues that Rabindran recites film reader/printer and not a scanning system. Tanaka discloses an image processing system that transmits information in the form of electrical signals among plural stations for processing. Referring to fig. 1, Tanaka discloses a microfilm reader unit for converting the image information on a retrieved microfilm into electrical signals by means of an image sensor such as CCD (col. 3, lines 12-17). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a

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person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine film reader of Rabindran with image processing system of Tanaka for proper retrieval and scanning of the image on the film.

Regarding claim 2, Rabindran et al. discloses the template according to claim 1, wherein the template further comprises an insert area for receiving a transparent media therein (col. 2, lines 7-18).

Regarding claim 3, Rabindran et al. discloses the template according to claim 1, wherein the template body is opaque (col. 2, lines 7-18).

Regarding claim 4, Rabindran et al. discloses the template according to claim 1, wherein the switch is on a transparent media adapter and the actuation device is a protrusion (please refer to arguments under claim 1).

Regarding claim 5, Rabindran et al. discloses the template according to claim 1, wherein actuation of the switch results in generation of a signal, the signal being transmitted to a computer operable to control the scanning system, the computer directing the scanning system to execute a scan routine in response to reception of the signal (col. 6, lines 37-54).

Regarding claim 6, Rabindran et al. discloses the template according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of actuation devices each for actuating a respective switch of a plurality of switches (figs. 7 & 8, col. 5, line 61 through col. 6 line 36).

Regarding claim 7, Rabindran et al. discloses the template according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of switches are disposed on a transparent media adapter, the adapter operable to transmit a plurality of signals each in response to a distinct combination of actuated switches (col. 6, lines 37-54).

Regarding claim 8, Rabindran et al. discloses the template according to claim 7, wherein actuation of a distinct combination of switches results in the generation of a signal that is received by a computer operable to control the scanning system, the computer directing the scanning system to execute a scan routine in response to reception of the signal, the executed scan routine one of a plurality of scan routines executable by the system (col. 6, lines 37-54).

Regarding claim 9, Rabindran et al. discloses a transparent media adapter for a scanning system, the adapter comprising: an adapter housing; a signal transmission mechanism disposed within the adapter housing; and a switch disposed on the housing and actuatable by an actuation device on a template (figs. 7 & 8, col. 5, line 61 through col. 6 line 36).

Regarding claim 10, Rabindran et al. discloses the transparent media adapter according to claim 9, wherein actuation of the switch results in transmission of a signal by the adapter, the scanning system executing a scan routine in response to generation of the signal (col. 6, lines 37-54).

Regarding claim 11, Rabindran et al. discloses the transparent media adapter according to claim 9, further comprising a plurality of switches disposed on the housing each respectively actuatable by one of a plurality of actuation devices, the adapter operable to transmit a plurality of signals, the transmitted signal dependent on the combination of actuated switches (please refer to claims 1 and 5).

Regarding claim 12, Rabindran et al. discloses the transparent media adapter according to claim 9, further comprising a lamp located in the housing (col. 2, lines 55-60).

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Regarding claim 13, Rabindran et al. does not explicitly disclose a reflective scanner comprising a platen, a lamp, an optic system and one or more photosensitive devices. However, Tanaka discloses introduces an image processing unit including an original reader (2) for reading an original document placed on a document platen (fig. 1, col. 2 line 54 through col. 3 line 17). Tanaka further discloses a microfilm reader unit for converting the image information on a retrieved microfilm into electrical signals by means of an image sensor such as CCD (col. 3, lines 12-17). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of and ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Tanaka's invention with that of Rabindran for reading/scanning and copying of transmissive and reflective documents.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14 –22 are allowed.

Contact Information


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7412. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

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